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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN ATTITUDE ON SPANISH SAHARA

1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORE MAHMOND ABDEL GHAFAR TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED BY FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA ON MONDAY TO DISCUSS SITUATION CREATED BY MOROCCAN MARCH ON THE SAHARA. CORTINA HAD URGED EGYPTIANS TO COUNSEL MODERATION IN RABAT.

2. AMBASSADOR GHAFAR SAID HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION BE TAKEN IN RABAT TO TRY TO PREVENT THE CONFRONTATION WHICH WAS IN THE MAKING. HE BELIEVES THAT THE SPANISH WERE SINCERE IN THEIR DESIRE TO LEAVE THE SAHARA AND HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE ARABS HAD ENOUGH PROBLEMS ON THEIR PLATE AT THE MOMENT TO AVOID STILL A FURTHER ONE. GHAFAR SAID HE THOUGHT THAT CAIRO HAD TAKEN SOME ACTION IN RABAT AND HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SUDIS HAD DONE LIKEWISE.

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